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SUBJECT: SOVIET MISSTATEMENT OF TTBT RATIFICATION

1. EMBOFF QUERIED ROLAND TIMERBAYEV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE SOVIET MFA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, ABOUT POLITBURO MEMBER SUSLOV'S REFERENCE TO SOVIET RATIFICATION OF THE THRESHOLD TEST BAN TREATY IN HIS SPEECH TO CODEL HUMPHREY/SCOTT ON JUNE 30.

2. TIMERBAYEV FIRST SAID THAT SUSLOV'S WORDS HAD BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD OR MISINTERPRETED BY HIS LISTENERS. EMBOFF THEN QUOTED THE PASSAGE FROM THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TEXT OF THE SPEECH, WHICH SAYS CATEGORICALLY THAT "THE SOVIET UNION HAS RATIFIED THAT TREATY". TIMERBAYEV REPLIED THAT SUSLOV MEANT THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS TAKEN STEPS TOWARD RATIFYING THE TREATY, NOT THAT THE USSR HAD ALREADY COMPLETED THE RATIFICATION PROCESS.
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